# COLLIFORNIA PARTIMENT

#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN FIRE CHIEF FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

February 17, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY; AND, APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT RECOGNIZING GRANT FUNDING (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to accept \$15,000 in grant funding from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a company of Allianz Life Insurance of North America; and, approval of an appropriation adjustment recognizing the grant funding.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

 Accept a \$15,000 grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a company of Allianz Life Insurance of North America. This grant will provide funding for the District to procure an AVON/ISI Thermal Imaging Camera, Garmin Global Positioning System (GPS), and an Amkus Combination Tool Chain Package for Fire Station 78.

#### SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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- Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to sign any documents required by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a company of Allianz Life Insurance of North America that are associated with the administration and management of this grant.
- 3. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment recognizing \$15,000 in grant funding for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As of June 2008, the Fireman's Fund Heritage Grant Program has awarded well over \$18 million in grants to fire departments of all sizes across the country. The Fireman's Fund Heritage Program focuses on providing grants for needed equipment, firefighter training, and community education programs.

This grant award will enable the District to purchase the equipment below to assist Fire Station 78 firefighters in completing their mission to protect life and property in the Lake Hughes area and surrounding communities:

- AVON/ISI Thermal Imaging Camera to provide firefighters with valuable and time-saving information for rapid scene analysis including hidden fires, structural degradation, hazardous environmental conditions, and spot temperatures.
- Garmin Global Positioning System (GPS) which will calculate the most efficient route to an emergency incident for firefighters via a voice-prompted turn-by-turn direction feature. This system also provides for a re-routing feature, off-road navigation, and use of latitude/longitude coordinates to find locations.
- Amkus Combination Tool Chain Package will provide firefighters with the necessary tools to extricate and remove trapped victims from vehicular accidents quickly and provide the necessary basic life support treatment.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the County workforce; and Goal 8, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

With your Board's approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment, sufficient funding will be available in the District's Operations Budget Unit to address the projected needs for this fiscal year.

There is no cost-share or matching fund requirements for this grant. The District will be reimbursed by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a company of Allianz Life Insurance of North America.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a company of Allianz Life Insurance of North America has provided the District with guidelines for the administration of the grant agreement. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable for reimbursement.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

These are commodity purchases under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchases will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. They will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

# IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will expand the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

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#### CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Executive Office 1320 North Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Special Operations Bureau Grants Section 1320 North Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063 Attention: Battalion Chief Edward Broomfield
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Materials Management Division 5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Financial Management Division 5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 130 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: Theresa Barrera, Division Chief

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S

NO.

390-12

**DEPARTMENT OF** 

FIRE

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

## FY 2008-09 4 - VOTE

#### SOURCES

Fire Department **Operations** Reimbursement of Expense DA1-FR-92-9846-40100-40215 15,000

#### USES

Fire Department **Operations Fixed Assests-Equipment** DA1-FR-6030-40100-40215 14,000

Fire Department **Operations** Services and Supplies DA1-FR-2000-40100-40215 1,000

SUMMARY TOTAL

SOURCES:

\$ 15,000

15,000

**JUSTIFICATION** JUSTMENT IS NECESSARY TO RECOGNIZE GRANT REVENUE FOR THE AMERA, GARMIN GLOBAL POSITIONING (GPS), AMKUS COMBINATION TOOL PURCHASE OF A CHAIN PACKAGE AD OF SUP

CHIEF, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BY

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR- ACTION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED (AS REVISED):

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

AS REVISED